Statement

Name of States which suffered power shortage during April, 90 July, 90

Haryana
Jammu & Kashmir
Punjab incl. NFF
Rajasthan
Uttar Pradesh
Gujarat
Madhya Pradesh
Maharashtra
Andhra Pradesh
Karnataka
Tamil Nadu
Bihar
Orissa
West Bengal incl. Sikkim
Assam
Manipur
Tripura
Mizoram
Arunachal Pradesh
Nagaland

Apex body for Small Scale Industry's modernisation

861. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an apax body for the modernisation of small scale industry has been suggested to encourage rural industries; and

(b) whether the existing infrastructure including the KVIC set up have been found wanting and deficient and if so, whether the existing units will be revamped and restructured?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. An Apex Technology Development Centre for Modernisation and Upgradation of Technology in Small Scale Industries has been suggested in Policy Measures for promotion of small scale and agro-based industries by the Government. Under the umbrella of Apex Technoloy Development Centre, a number of Technology Centres, Tool Rooms, Process-cum-Product Development Centres and Testing Centres will be set up.

(b) The objective is to strengthen the existing infrastructure engaged in technology upgradation and modernisation in view of the increased emphasis on the small and rural industries. This will result in better coordination among different agencies by bringing them under one umbrella. The Apex Body will help the existing agencies in modernisation and upgradation of technology.

Wet lease of aircraft by Vayudoot

862. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the lease of aircraft by Vayudoot for internal use in competition with Indian Airlines which is running in losses as reported in the 'Sunday Mail' of the 3rd June, 1990;

(b) whether the payment is to be made in hard currency and if so, what are the details of payment in foreign exchange made so far and earnings made in local currency;

(c) whether it is Government's policy to go for more foreign loans to run air services in the country and if so, what budget provision has been made for the year 1990-91 in this connection; and

(d) whether any alternative arrangements have been made by Government after the grounding of A-320 airbus?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and